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**Applicant** 

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: CLONED GENOMES OF

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VIRUSES AND USES THEREOF

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, and subsequent to Notice of Appeal filed April 21, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.